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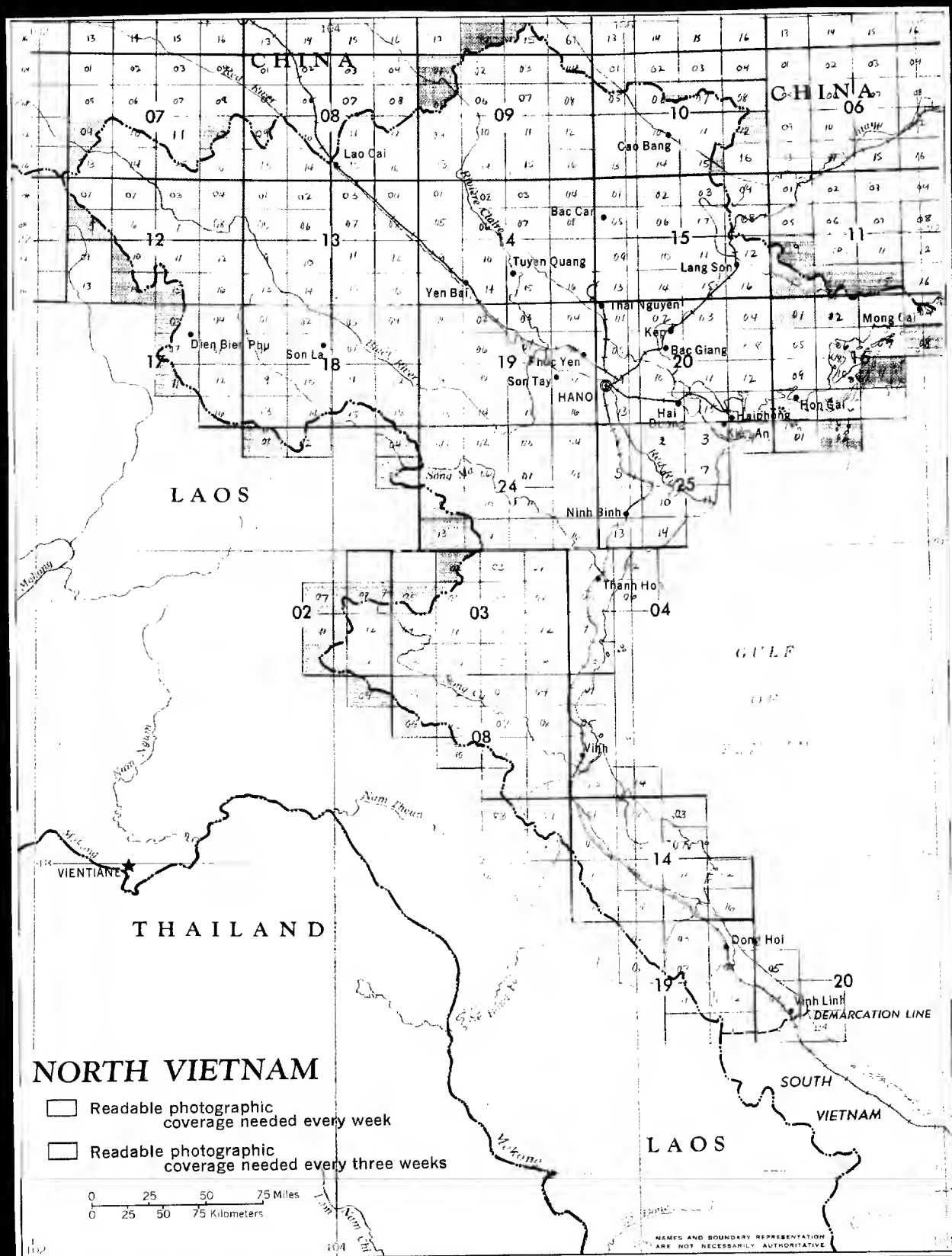
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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of COMIREX priority targets in North Vietnam. This mission has been planned to obtain photographic coverage of the DMZ, the Panhandle, and additionally to obtain broad coverage of the search areas for SSM's as shown on the adjoining map. This mission will also obtain bonus coverage of the Tri-border areas of Cambodia-Laos-South Vietnam. The 303 Committee has approved a bank of nine BLACK SHIELD missions per month.

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\*Indicates 1st Priority  
COMIREX targets

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#Indicates SSM Indicator  
targets

The following is a listing of COMIREX targets in

North Vietnam:

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1.	Cac Ba Coastal Defense Site
* 2.	Haiphong/Cat Bi Airfield
* 3.	Haiphong/Kien An Airfield
* 4.	Hanoi/Bac Mai Airfield
* 5.	Hanoi/Gia Lam Airfield
* 6.	Phuc Yen Airfield
* 7.	Lang Son Airfield
* 8.	Kep Airfield
9.	Yen Bai Suspect A/F U/C
*10.	Hoa Lac Airfield U/C
11.	Bai Thuong Airfield
12.	That Khe Air Facility
13.	Port Wallut Naval Base
#*14.	Haiphong Port Complex
#*15.	Cam Pha Port Facilities
#*16.	Hon Gay Port Facilities
17.	Ha Tou Naval Support Facility
*18.	Vinh/Ben Thuy Port Facilities
19.	Ha Giang Military Installation
20.	Van Hai Army Barracks
21.	Lang Son Military Complex
22.	Loc Binh Army Supply Depot
23.	Thai Nguyen Army Supply Depot, North
24.	Bac Kan Military Area
25.	Phu Lang Thuong Military Area
26.	Vit Thu Lu Special Area 1912
27.	Ban Tchepone Special Area 1916
28.	Ba Binh Special Area 2009
29.	Ben Than Special Area 2013
30.	Vinh An Special Area 2014
31.	Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 2
32.	Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 1
33.	Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 3
34.	Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 2
35.	Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 1
36.	Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 3
37.	Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 4
38.	Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 5
39.	Kep to Than Nguyen RR
40.	Phuc Yen RR Hanoi-Lao Kay Rt. 1, Seg. 1

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North Vietnam targets continued:

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41.		An Cap RR Hanoi-Tham Nguyen Rt. 9, Seg. 1
#*42.		Dong Dang Complex
*43.		Phu Lang Thuong Complex
*44.		Cao Bang Complex
*45.		Lai Chau Complex
*46.		Lang Son Complex
*47.		Mon Cay Complex
*48.		Tien Yen Complex
*49.		Tuyen Quang Complex
*50.		Yen Bai Complex
*51.		Dien Bien Phu Complex
#*52.		Lao Kay Complex
#*53.		Haiphong RR Yards
#*54.		Viet Tri RR Yards
#*55.		Yen Vien (Hanoi) RR Yards
#*56.		Kep RR Yard

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BX6856 TARGET COVERAGE

The COMIREX targets to be covered by this mission are listed below and are shown by pass number:

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1ST PASS



2ND PASS



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VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

There are 284 surface-to-air missile launch positions that have been detected in North Vietnam; of this number, 187 are known to be capable of supporting surface-to-air operations. The 28 to 30 SAM battalions estimated to be — active on any certain day are largely concentrated in the Hanoi, Haiphong areas. This mission, as planned, will miss this highly concentrated SAM area. The OXCART aircraft

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There are currently six MIG-21 jet interceptors stationed within North Vietnam. These MIGs, however, are not capable of intercepting the OXCART aircraft.

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : 4813 NM

TIME : 4 + 00

DENIED TIME : 0 + 13

ENTRY ALTITUDE : 1st Pass - 85,000 Ft.  
2nd Pass - 79,800 Ft.

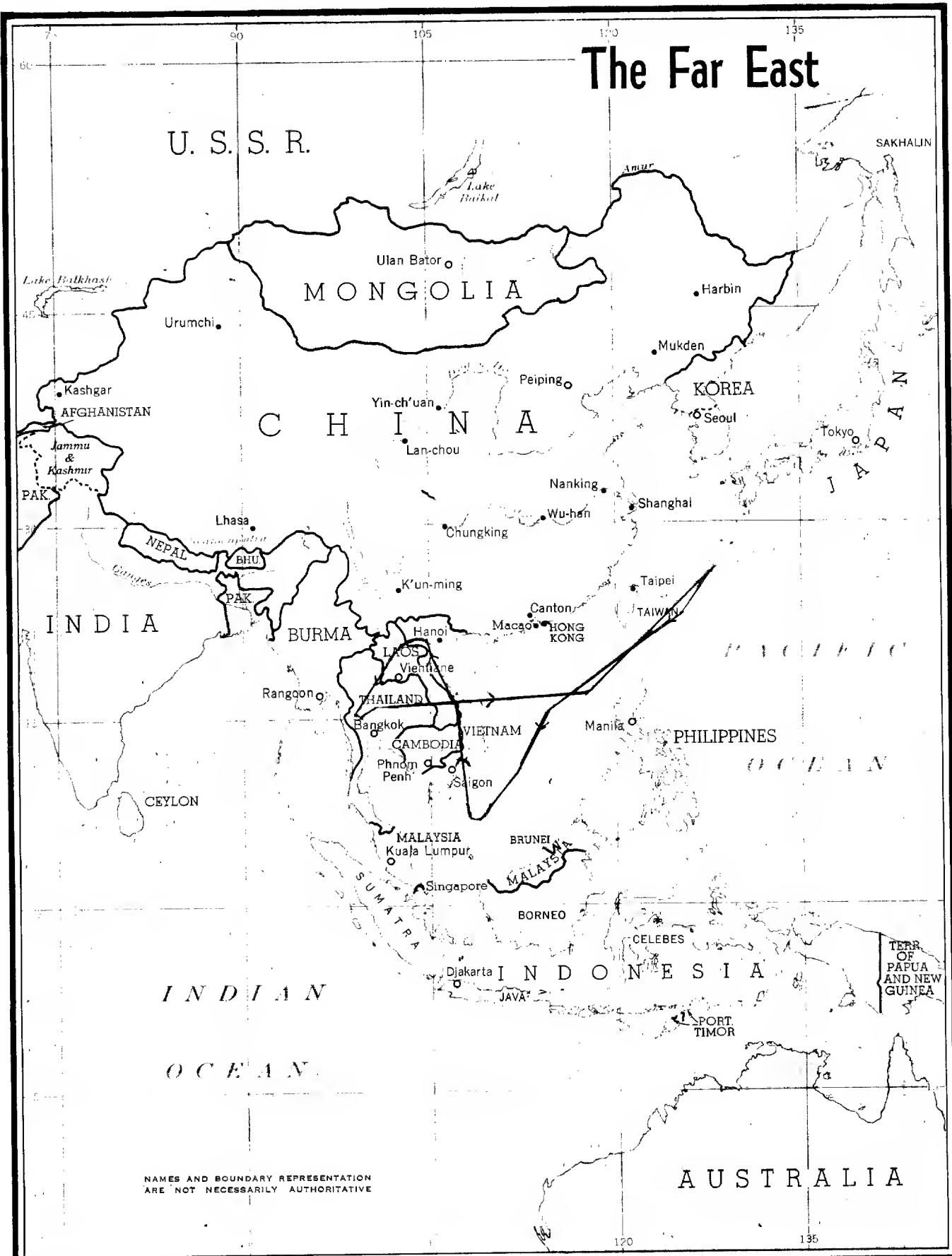
SPEED : Mach 3.2 (1825 Kts)

TAKE OFF TIME : 0230Z 8 March 1968  
2130 7 March 1968  
Washington, D.C. Time

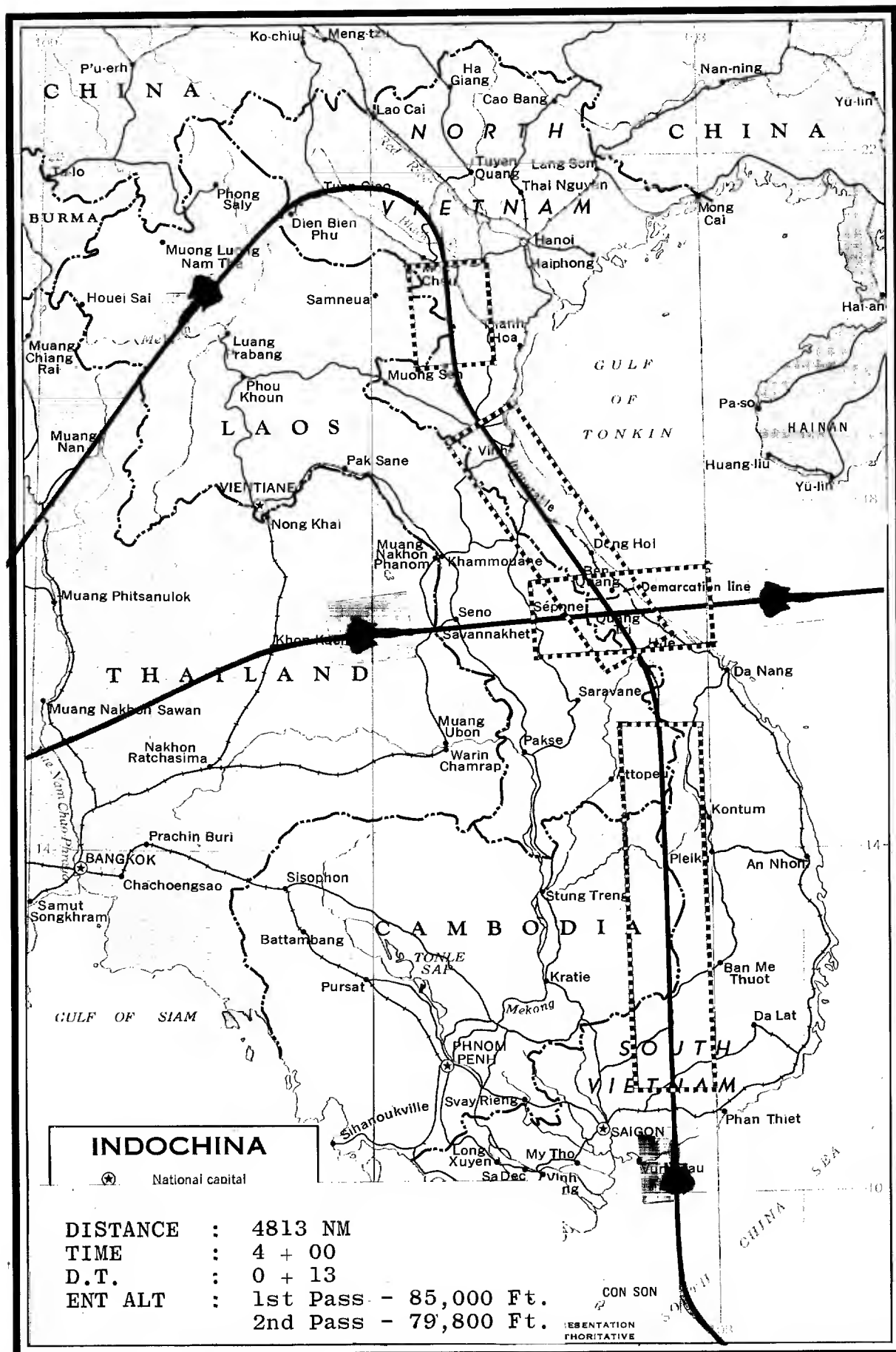
MINIMUM PENETRATION : 1st Pass 78,000 Ft. Mach 3.1  
CRITERIA 2nd Pass 75,000 Ft. Mach 3.1

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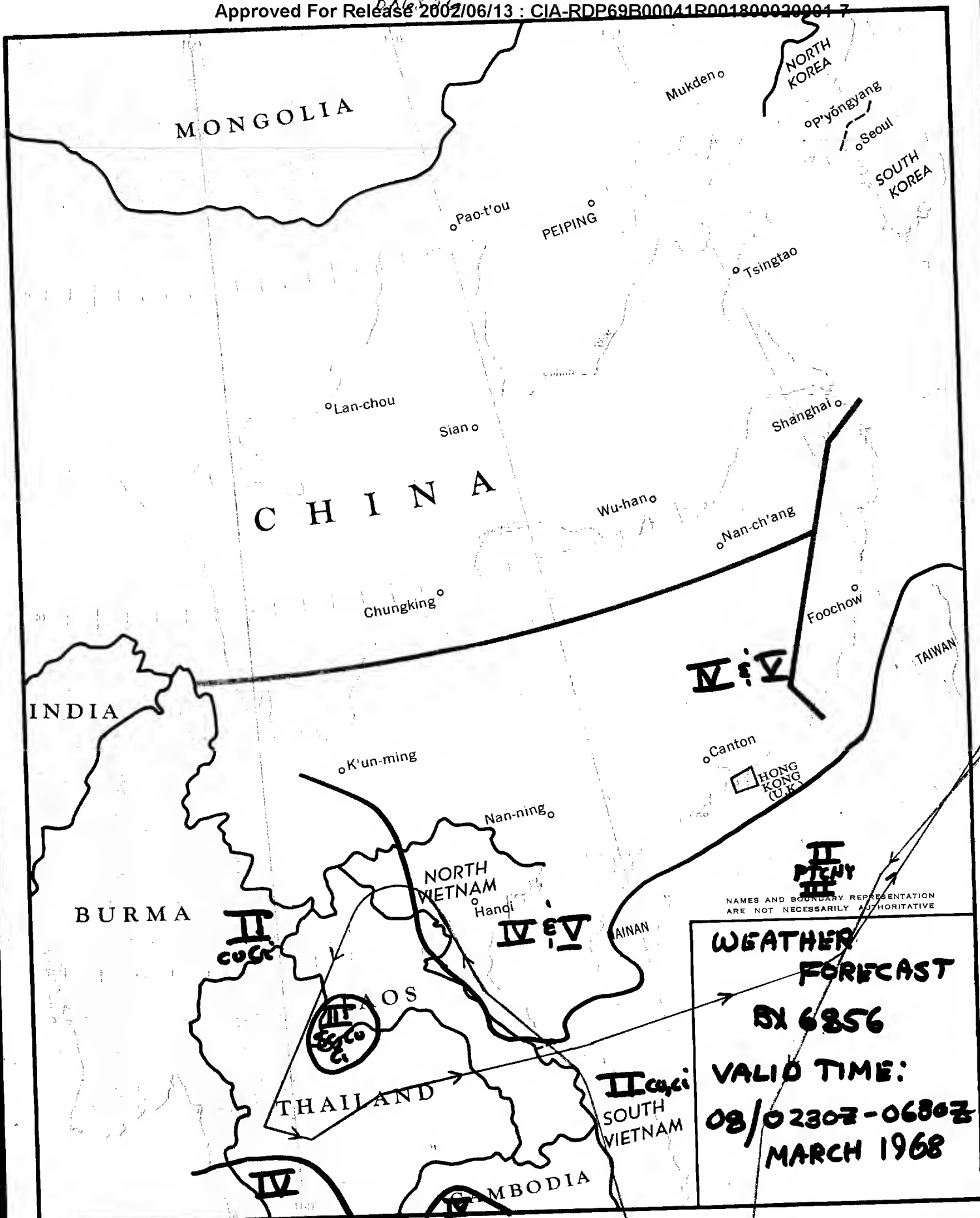
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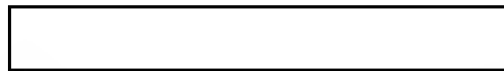
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